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PAS to Add 239 Jobs in Beaufort County

State Grant Helps Home Appliance Supplier Expand in Washington

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that the PAS Group, a leading developer and manufacturer of cable and panel systems for household appliances, will expand its manufacturing facility in Beaufort County. The company plans to create 239 jobs and invest \$3.2 million during the next five years in Washington. The project was made possible in part by an \$800,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

“Manufacturers worldwide are looking to North Carolina thanks to our skilled workers, custom training programs and top-ranked business climate,” said Gov. Perdue. “I thank PAS for its commitment to the communities of Beaufort County. These new jobs will help hundreds of families in Beaufort County and Eastern North Carolina to get back on their feet.”

The PAS Group is a worldwide manufacturer of cable and panel systems for household appliances with facilities in Germany, Poland, Turkey, Mexico and the United States. Subsidiary PAS USA Inc.’s manufacturing facility in Washington, N.C. currently employs 137. The new investment will enable PAS USA to win a new supply contract for 250,000 dishwasher panel systems with a major home dishwasher brand. Manufacturing includes injection molding, printing, high speed milling, assembly and electronic testing.

Salaries will vary by job function, but the average annual wage for the new jobs will be \$27,258 not including benefits. The Beaufort County average annual wage is \$29,952.